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News Briefs

Construction on Spangdahlem AB

Segments of Independence Road and Freedom Drive will be closed November through April due to Phase I Military Family Housing project, which will construct 79 new family housing units. Call Tech. Sgt. John Newlin at 452-7214 for details.

Post office closures

The Eifel Post Offices are closed Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal operating hours resume Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No Eifel Times

There is no newspaper Nov. 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next edition of the *Eifel Times* is Dec. 1.

Holiday mailing deadlines

The Eifel Post Offices recommends mailing packages stateside by Monday for space available mail; Dec. 4 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 11 for priority mail and first class letters and cards; and Dec. 18 for express mail service. People can visit the Spangdahlem AB or Bitburg Annex post office for details.

RoadCon information

During inclement weather, Sabers should stay aware of current road conditions. Road condition color codes are: Green, normal operations for all vehicles; Amber, road conditions are hazardous and people should exercise caution due to slush, snow, ice patches and decreased visibility; Red, road conditions are extremely hazardous and government vehicles should not be operated unless necessary for mission requirements; and Black, driving cannot be conducted safely and vehicles should only be operated in emergencies. For details, call 452-COPS (2677), listen to AFN radio on 105.1 FM or 1143 AM, visit the Internet at www.spangdahlem.af.mil or watch out for road conditions on AFN Satellite Channel 23 for off-base residents and AFN Prime Atlantic for on-base residents.

Accident report

Team Eifel was involved in six minor accidents last week and five major accidents. All of the major wrecks happened on B-50, with three of them near the Albachmuhle curve. Driving too fast for conditions caused the four wrecks and one was from inattentive driving. (Information courtesy of Danielle Grant, 52nd Security Forces Squadron).

Radar love

Read "606th ACS married staff sergeants deploy together twice in one year to support Operation Enduring Freedom" on Page 4.



Honor Guard from the 52nd Fighter Wing, perform before the grave of General George S. Patton during the Veterans Day Ceremony at The Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial Nov. 11.

Photos by
Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp

Spang Airmen honor veterans

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Despite the rainy weather and the chill in the air, men and women of all ages gathered at the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial Nov. 11 to honor past and present military veterans during a Veterans Day ceremony.

"Being here is a reminder of a generation of sacrifice to ensure the freedom of not just Americans but people across the world," said Col. Thomas Feldhausen, the 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander.

Those who assembled to pay tribute to veterans traveled from near and far. Members of the Spangdahlem Air Base Honor Guard, Eifel Signers, U.S. Veteran Friends, U.S. Marines, Boy Scouts of America, Luxembourg Army Buglers and other groups in the surrounding area participated in the ceremony. In addition, Steve Kraft, the U.S. Embassy charge d'affaires and deputy chief of mission, spoke during the memorial ceremony.

More than 90 people from Spangdahlem AB attended the ceremony. Airman 1st Class Jean LaBarre, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, drove one of the buses carrying Spangdahlem Airman to the ceremony.

"I consider it a great honor and a great privilege to pay my respects," Airman LaBarre said. "I am proud to be part of their line. When I had the opportunity to come here, I jumped on it right away."

Airman LaBarre was not the only person eager to attend this ceremony. Some veterans who served in World War II and the Vietnam War made a special trip from the states to honor and pay their respects to fellow veterans.

"I am proud to be an American and to have spent 32 years in



Capt. Aaron Gibson, 52nd Communications Squadron, along with a flight of Airmen participate in the Veterans Day memorial ceremony at The Luxembourg America Cemetery and Memorial Nov. 11.

the Air Force," said Col. (ret.) John Parker, a World War II veteran.

After the ceremony Colonel Parker reflected on his time spent fighting in World War II.

"I enlisted in the infantry the day after Pearl Harbor, it was the patriotic thing to do," Colonel Parker said. "It was great to be a member of a team (that) knew what we were there for and had no hesitation to do what needed to be done."

The Luxembourg cemetery is home to the remains of 5,071 U.S. Veterans of World War II, most from the Battle of the Bulge. Among the 5,071 graves lie interred the remains of 101 unknown U.S. Soldiers. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of 3rd Army, is also buried there. His granddaughter, Helen Patton Plusczyk, was among those who attended the ceremony.

Wing XP recaps SABER CROWN 07-02

By Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Members of Team Eifel came out in full force to participate in SABER CROWN 07-02 Nov. 6-9 as the 52nd Fighter Wing prepares for the June 2007 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Tactical Evaluation.

"The intent of this exercise was to train Team Eifel to the standards that they could possibly expect to see in June's NATO Operational Evaluation," said Tech Sgt. Chris McDonald, 52nd Fighter

Wing Inspections emergency management NCOIC. "We needed to knock the rust off since the base had not had an exercise since March and a significant percentage of the base population was not here (then)."

The exercise focused on the same four areas that the June evaluation will cover command and control, operations, force protection and self-aid and buddy care.

"We wanted to see how well information flows from the (Survival Recovery

Center) to the (Unit Control Centers) and out to the Airmen," said Capt. Tiffany Fisher, 52nd Fighter Wing inspections deputy. "We also wanted to look at how we are getting planes off the ground, our security procedures and ability to respond in emergency situations."

Captain Fisher said that it has also been awhile since the wing has gone through a NATO exercise so some training is important.

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RESCON Watch

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3-5 DUIs/ARIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI/ARI: 8

Rank of last DUI/ARI: staff sergeant
Squadrons of last DUI/ARI:
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

332 Airmen's lives were saved by the Airmen
Against Drunk Driving Program since
Jan. 1, 2006. When going out and your plan falls
through call AADD for a ride, at 06565-61-2233.

52nd LRS hosts spouse's day

By Staff Sgt. Byron Nordstorm
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron hosted a Spouse's Day Immersion tour Nov. 1. The event was aimed at bringing family members into the workplace to see what their spouses do day in and day out.

The day allowed all Airmen the opportunity to speak proudly about how they contribute to the mission to an audience, that they care about most -- their families.

The day was designed around the idea that Sabers cannot lose sight of the the people who make the mission happen, and often times are forgotten ... the families.

They are grounds people and forms the basis for Air Force foundation. They bring the active duty person back to reality after an Airman develops tunnel vision; they act as sounding boards when the Airman has a bad day on the job; and

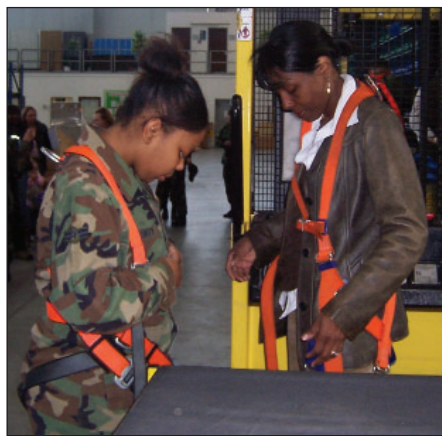


Photo by Master Sgt. Art Heller

Airman Nicole Foskey, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, helps Mrs. Charlotte Banks, spouse of Col. Sid Banks, 52nd Mission Support Group, into the safety harness of the Hyster, commonly used in the warehouse.

they are a constant reminder of why the active duty troop is here, everyday, supporting the mission.

The 52nd LRS Airmen set up a morning tour that took their spouses from flight to flight throughout the squadron to give them some first-hand experience to help solve the mystery behind what LRS touts as 'the mission.'

At each flight, the spouses were greeted by Airmen who briefed them on what they do to contribute to the mission. They spiced it up a bit with some hands-on demonstrations.

They were shown how to drive forklifts to move supplies, winterize and maintain vehicles, plan for deployments and fuel jets. The tour mixed up some of the basics on how LRS does business with a little fun time to add some excitement to the tour.

Roughly 30 spouses attended the tour and more than 300 spouses and Airmen at the barbeque finale. The opportunity to see what LRS Airmen do daily to sustain the mission brings value to the support that Sabers spouses give to the wing.

TSGLI assistance available on base

Staff reports

Traumatic Injury Protection Insurance coverage is a tax-free lump sum payment ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 depending on the extent of the injury. Members insured under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance policy are automatically covered at an increase in their premiums of only \$1 per month.

The coverage also includes a retroactive provision for Airmen who suffered a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 7, 2001, through Nov. 30, 2005. Enrollment in SGLI is not a requirement to receive the retroactive TSGLI benefits.

"The intent of TSGLI is to provide qualifying injured Airmen with an immediate source of income," said Mr. Tom Perry, chief of the casualty matters division at AFPC. "Our casualty assistance representatives will play an active role in counseling eligible Airmen and assisting them with the certification process."

Certification forms for TSGLI benefits are available at base MPFs and should be submitted at the earliest opportunity. For more information on the TSGLI benefit, call Donnie Wood, the base's casualty assistance representative at 452-5519.

Public health offers tips on holiday cooking

Staff reports

Cooking times and temperatures: Raw meats and eggs need to be properly cooked to destroy any hazardous microorganisms.

- ♦ Avoid thawing large meat items at room temperature; take the turkey and large hams out of the freezer and place them in the refrigerator two to three days before cooking;
- ♦ Pork, fish and meats (including ground beef), injected meats, game animals and raw eggs must be cooked at 145 degrees Fahrenheit for three minutes, 150 degrees Fahrenheit for one minute or 155 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 seconds;
- ♦ No matter whether people are roasting or frying, poultry and stuffed food items must be cooked to an internal tempera-

ture of 165 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 seconds; and

- ♦ All hot foods should be kept hot at 135 degrees or above.

Person hygiene: Do not handle uncooked or cooked foods without washing hands in between.

- ♦ Washing hands vigorously for twenty seconds with soap and water before and after handling, preparing or serving food will help prevent cross contamination;
- ♦ Use clean utensils and work surfaces;
- ♦ Use separate utensils and equipment for raw and cooked foods;
- ♦ Clean dishes and work surfaces after thawing or preparing raw poultry; and
- ♦ Use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces or if using cloth towels, wash often in a hot cycle of the washing machine.

Refrigerator storage: Everyone is guilty of eating a big meal and slipping off to watch football or take a nap on the couch. Most potentially hazardous foods (meat, fish, chicken and turkey) deteriorate rapidly at room temperature. Temperature control is one of the factors that can be used to manage the number of microorganisms in food.

- ♦ Keeping foods at a temperature that will prevent food-borne illnesses are very important. Cold foods should be kept cold at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below; and
- ♦ Food should only be left out for a maximum of four



Defense Commissary Agency Europe courtesy photo

Turkey and all the fixings are a common holiday tradition, but improper cooking, temperature control and hand washing could make people sick if steps are not taken to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

hours. Time begins when the food is taken out of the refrigerator or warmer and subjected to room temperature.

No one wants to spend their holiday in the emergency room, so people need to take the time to follow these simple tips for a safe holiday season. For details, call Public Health at 452-8338.

(Information courtesy of the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron).

Children learn about Vets Day



Photo by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Thomas, 52nd Maintenance Group Quality Assurance weapons inspector, and European Military History Group member (right), wears the uniform of a World War II infantryman and talks about the military history of the Eifel area to children at the Spangdahlem Air Base school-age program Nov. 10. He also briefs the children on the significance of Veterans Day. The mannequin (left) wears the uniform of a WWII Army Airborne servicemember, and helps showcase the different types of uniforms worn.

22nd EFS deploys to Turkey for Anatolian Eagle

By Capt. Matt Speer
22nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

KONYA AIR BASE, Turkey -- More than 200 Airmen from the 22nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron deployed here for Exercise Anatolian Eagle Nov. 6 through today.

The exercise involved F-16 *Fighting Falcons* from the 22nd EFS, several Turkish fighter squadrons flying F-16s, F-4 *Phantom IIs*, and F-5 *Tigers*, NATO E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System planes and NATO air refueling tankers.

Pilots from the 22nd EFS had the opportunity to participate in large force employment exercises each day during the course of the exercise. Two LFE missions occurred each day, involving approximately 50 aircraft. American and Turkish pilots spent the day prior to the

LFE coordinating and planning as if it were a real combat mission.

"Flying in the LFEs was a great experience and something that we don't often have the chance to do at Spangdahlem," said Capt. Ben Staats, 22nd EFS pilot. Anatolian Eagle is a chance for American and Turkish pilots to hone their skills and practice employing together in combat.

As the exercise progressed, the missions gradually increased in complexity and difficulty. 22nd EFS pilots flew air-to-ground strike missions and suppression of enemy air defense missions. Several Turkish squadrons are providing dedicated support as adversaries for each LFE, simulating enemy aircraft such as the MiG-29 *Fulcrum* and Su-27 *Flanker*.

"We are here to develop friendship and cooperation and strengthen our ties with our NATO allies," said Lt. Colonel Doug

Nikolai, 22nd FS director of operations. "Our Turkish hosts have been very helpful and their hospitality has gone above and beyond what we expected."

The exercise also provided the opportunity for Spangdahlem Airmen to experience the culture of Turkey. Airmen had the chance to shop for famous Turkish goods such as rugs, leather and gold. Organized trips to historic sites such as Cappadocia, Ankara and Antalya, were a highlight of the trip.

The 22nd EFS last participated in Exercise Anatolian Eagle in 2004, and the exercise occurs four times each year, and will undoubtedly see continued support from the 52nd Fighter Wing.

"We look forward to returning to Turkey for Anatolian Eagle in summer 2007," Colonel Nikolai said.



Courtesy photo

Top Saber Performer

Name: Senior Airman Leonard Myers
Unit: 52nd Dental Squadron
Duty title: Dental Technician Journeyman
Hometown: Florence, S.C.
Years in Service: 3.5 years
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Airman Myers' superior knowledge and skill are essential to the success of the preventive dentistry element. He provides intensive periodontal treatment and follow-up care to more than 300 members of the Saber community. He is also a vital team member of the Air Force's only Dental Treatment Bus which directly affected personnel at four

geographically separated units. His efforts saved the Air Force \$100,000 and prevented approximately 9,000 lost man-hours.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: He was an integral part of the Spangdahlem Men's Softball Team, placing second USAFE-wide and was named to the "All USAFE" Tournament Team.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy lifting weights, watching movies and playing sports.

What do you like most about being stationed here? We get to live and travel Germany and Europe, which is an opportunity that most Americans don't have.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see the DUIs decrease, or even become non-existent. It is hard to understand why people get into vehicles after they have been drinking when there are plenty of cabs and people that would be more than willing to assist them in getting home.

BMS student participates in "Jamestown Live!"

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Savon Bracey, eighth-grade student at Bitburg Middle School, participates in "Jamestown Live! Experience the Journey that Changed the World," Nov. 9 in Jamestown, Va.

"Jamestown Live!" is part of several education initiatives supporting the commemoration of America's 400th Anniversary of the founding at Jamestown, America's first permanent English settlement.

Mr. Bracey's entry, "The Greensboro Sit-In: Standing Up by Sitting Down," was selected as the Department of Defense Education Activity Outstanding State Junior Entry won the Jamestown Award for DoDEA.

He was chosen as one of the nation's "outstanding students," with one student selected for each state, and DoDEA represents one state in the competition.

The eighth grader first became interested in the topic for his project after visiting the Smithsonian Museum Web site, said Cindy Britt, BMS gifted education teacher.

"Savon was interested in designing a project about the Civil Rights Movement," Ms. Britt said. "He saw the lunch counter from the Woolworth Store in Greensboro, N.C., on the Web site; researched the events behind the display; and became impressed with how much this event is treasured as part of our national history."

She said Mr. Bracey wrote the script for the project and acted out a dramatization of the events surrounding the Greensboro Sit-In by becoming four different characters. He entered his project in school's National History Day Competition and won first place in the Individual Performance Category.

The "Jamestown Live" event was broadcast Nov. 9 to students and teachers in grades four through eight via a live Web



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sawyer

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, presents Savon Bracey, Bitburg Middle School eighth grader. He is the son of Tech. Sgt. Ernest Bracey, 52nd Communications Squadron, his award for winning Department of Defense Education Activity Outstanding State Junior Entry for the Jamestown Award for DoDEA Nov. 1.

cast into schools across the nation. The program is available free on the Internet through registration at www.jamestownjourney.org.

"Savon is a pleasure to have in class," said Ms. Britt. "He's highly motivated and a great role model for other students and he cares about academics."

Mr. Bracey has spent his entire life living overseas in Germany, Japan and Italy and has been a DoDS student for 10 years.

"I'm really excited about this whole event and I'm looking forward to seeing and experiencing what it's all about!" said Mr. Bracey.

Savon's mother, Kenya Bracey, is a DoD civilian employee in Bitburg, and his father, Tech. Sgt. Ernest Bracey, 52nd Communications Squadron, accompanied him on the trip. He has two brothers, Matthew and Juwan. Savon's future plans include going to college, hopefully on an academic scholarship.

Eifel Salutes

Annual award winners

Congratulations to the 2006 U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Civil Engineer unit, flight and individual award winners.

♦ Winner, Brig. Gen. Michael A. McAuliffe Award, **52nd Civil Engineer Squadron outstanding housing flight of the year;**

♦ Runner-up, Brig. Gen. Archie Mayes Award, **52nd CES outstanding engineering flight of the year;**

♦ Runner-up, Maj. Gen. Clifton Wright Award, **outstanding operations flight of the year;**

♦ Winner, Maj. Gen. Eugene Lupia Award for military manager, **Capt. Margaret Becker;**

♦ Runner-up, Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award for civilian, **Inge Lersch;**

♦ Winner, Society of American Military Engineers Goddard Medal, **Senior Master Sgt. Steven Holman;**

♦ Runner-up, Balchen Post Award, **52nd CES;**

♦ Runner-up, Military Fire Fighter of the Year, **Staff Sgt. Jack Snyder;**

♦ Runner-up, Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year, **Rainer Schikofsky;** and

♦ Runner-up, **Fire Prevention Program of the Year.**

Congratulations to **52nd CES** for their Citation Award and their concept design for a new air traffic control tower during the 2007 USAFE Civil Engineer design award contest.

Smokin' hot is **Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales** who won the 2006 Government Employees

Insurance Company Military Service Awards for fire prevention and fire safety.

The 2007 Commander-in-Chief Annual Awards for Installation Excellence Award Nominees are: **52nd Communications Squadron, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, 52nd CS wireless communications systems, 52nd Dental Squadron, 52nd Fighter Wing F-16 planning team, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron and 52nd Medical Operations Squadron life support flight.** Way to go Sabers!

52nd Maintenance Group

Not quiet a candy striper, but she's well on her way to helping save lives! **Senior Airman Candy Taylor** completed for her certification as a CPR and self-aid and buddy care instructor. Her qualifications ensure that more than 240 members of 52nd CMS are fully trained and ready for action.

Staff Sgt. James Mueller, electronic Warfare systems production supervisor, assessed equipment shortfalls and realized the imminent danger to mission accomplishment if a solution was not found. He worked with equipment specialists from depot and developed a means to maintain four intermediate level support equipment test stations with only half normal cooling capability. These efforts ensured uninterrupted maintainability of 64 electronic countermeasure pods and secured the section's Global War on Terrorism ready stance.

Kudos to you all! Way to go Team Eifel!!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office).



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Comptroller Squadron, Financial Analysis Flight

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team provides efficient and effective analytical financial support to commanders and key decision makers. This team determines fund availability and propriety of claims. They prepare and process commitment, obligation, payment and collection documents. They also assist senior leadership in developing and compiling factors for planning, programming and budgeting. The team is instrumental in the preparation of budgets, financial plans and execution reports. They also quality check narrative justifications to support critical financial requirements.

Number of members: 19

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The Financial Analysis team scrubbed wing funding documents, freeing up \$106,000 for seven critical end-of-year requirements. They were responsible for \$104 million flying hour program, working with U.S. Air Forces in Europe to fund 22,774 combined A-10 and F-16 flying hours. Their efforts were instrumental in identifying that another wing was erroneously accessing the wing's FH funding to the tune of \$154,000. They aggressively pursued a resolution to the problem and recovered the funds for the wing's flying mission.

Team's other contributions through the year? The team advised the wing vice Commander as he prioritized requirements and made decisions to execute the last \$4.7 million in the waning hours of the fiscal year. They reviewed all service, due to an Air Staff imposed contract ceiling. They corrected accounting data to gain increased contract authority of \$896,000. Their efforts led to the funding and procurement of \$1.4 million of critical body armor requirements to ensure deployed Sabers are fully equipped.

All's fair in love and war ...

606th ACS married staff sergeants deploy together twice in one year to support Operation Enduring Freedom

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

(Editor's note: This is the second story in a three-part series on deployments, redeployments and the services and programs offered by the Airman and Family Readiness Center).

The two staff sergeants did not think twice about deploying for another four months, even though they had only been home at Spangdahlem Air Base for three months from a previous deployment. Their air expeditionary force bucket was up, and they were ready to go again.

Bryan and Rebekah Villanueva, 606th Air Control Squadron weapons directors, not only have the same job within their squadron, they have been married for more than three years, and deployed together in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Their works supports the fighter squadron's training in mostly air-to-air dogfight training scenarios by passing them tactical information about any threats.

"You could say we provide the 'big picture' since we have long-range 360 degree coverage while the fighters can only see what's in



Courtesy photo

A rainbow fills the sky as the 'Inspector of the skies' sets up shop near Khandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. Staff Sgts. Bryan and Rebekah Villanueva from Spangdahlem Air Base were deployed together twice to the same location in less than a year. The were members of the 73rd Expeditionary Air Control Squadron.

front of them," Sergeant Bryan Villanueva said.

The unique thing about an air control squadron is that the entire unit is self-sustaining and has about 10 different career fields that it deploys with, such as operators, maintainers, medics, security forces and supply troops.

"We can deploy to a bare base, set up our site, provide our own security," Sergeant Bryan Villanueva said. "Each shop sets up their equipment to get the site running, and before you know it, we have power, communications tents and a radar picture to support 24-hour operations for whatever contingency we're tasked to cover."

In September 2005, the sergeants were two of three augmentees from Spangdahlem AB to volunteer and deploy in support of their air control squadron counterpart from Aviano Air Base, Italy, through January 2006.

"We knew that we would be redeploying with our own squadron shortly after we returned from that

deployment," Sergeant Rebekah Villanueva said. "I knew that it was going to be a rough year and that my husband and I would be deployed for a total of eight months; however, both deployments turned out great, and I feel fortunate that I was able to deploy with my husband."

Once redeploying back home, the couple left their deployment bags packed and kept a positive mindset because they knew even though they would be leaving again in a few months, they would be leaving with each other.

"It made life a lot easier to complete two AEF rotations in one year with my wife being there," Sergeant Bryan Villanueva said. "Every time I thought things sucked while I was deployed, I thought about how hard it must be for the people deployed with me who left their families behind."

Making sure the families who are left behind are taken care of is the corner stone of a strong squadron sponsorship program, and



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Rebekah Villanueva, 606th ACS weapons instructor (left), poses in a CH-47 Chinook helicopter with another member of the 12-person crew she worked with daily at Camp Palomino.

is tied together with the key spouses and the Airman and Family Readiness Center, said Lt. Col. John Askew, 606th ACS commander.

"People want to know their families have a means to get the help they need, and not have to 'figure it out' when the time comes," Colonel Askew said. "Taking that mental burden off their shoulders before personnel deploy is, I think, a fundamental strength of how the Air Force takes care of family."

Air control squadrons across the Air Force are in high demand and spend a lot of additional time in the field to hone skills.

"Even though we are on a fairly predictable schedule, we are an AEF enabler, meaning we can be tasked any time," the colonel said. "That challenges us to maintain constant readiness across the squadron before and after deployments."

Constant readiness also means making sure paperwork is in order

before a deployment. The A&FRC offers pre-deployment briefings to all military members.

The checklist offers couples an opportunity to discuss important information with each other, said Janis Wood, A&FRC Project Care team member.

"It is important to discuss with other family members who may need to be aware of where their important documents are located in such as their will, insurance policies, birth certificates, military documentation and other important paperwork," Ms. Wood said. "Children add a totally different dimension to the deployment process, and members must have a workable family care plan filed with their squadron's first sergeant."

The Villanuevas do not have children, and Sergeant Bryan Villanueva said, "The closest thing we have to a kid is our dog. It was kind of stressful finding a place for him to stay while we were gone, but obviously it can't compare to finding someone to take care of your child."

Colonel Askew describes the staff sergeants as two Airmen who have risen to the challenges in their career field, and embody the value of service before self as NCOs and front-line supervisors and are making a dent in winning the Global War on Terrorism.

"Being deployed to a hostile environment and putting up with the conditions over there makes you appreciate life a whole lot more," Sergeant Bryan Villanueva. "Just knowing that I directly supported operations to eliminate numerous Taliban, and helped units on the ground engaged with the enemy by sending air support their way made me feel like I did my part in support of (GWOT). The 606th definitely did their part by directly supporting hundreds of these successful missions in Afghanistan."



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Bryan Villanueva, 606th Air Control Squadron weapons director (left), performs flag detail after working a night shift with other Airmen at Camp Palomino.

Exercise

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"NATO defines things differently so we have a learning curve to work on between now and the June (Tactical Evaluation)," she said. "Exercises give us the opportunity to identify the areas we need to focus on."

Airmen here have learned a lot which is good, she said, and the wing will get plenty more opportunities in early 2007 as a Phase I and II are planned for February and April. In addition, a Phase II exercises are scheduled for March and May.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jewell, a flightline expeditor from the 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, viewed the recent exercise as good and much needed training.

"We have lots of new people who have just arrived and needed some spin up," he said. "We were working on better communication with UCC and SRC when it comes to Post Attack Reconnaissance checks and clearing up the confusion there."

There is no confusion about the capabilities of wing person-



Photos by Airman 1st Class Emily Moore

Sabers keep operations going in mission-oriented protective postures, or MOPP, gear during the Phase II exercise SABER CROWN 07-02 Nov. 8.

nel according to Captain Fisher, and there is no doubt that they will do well in June. "I am confident that we have enough good people to get the highest rating NATO can give," she said.



Members of the 52nd Medical Group practice live-saving scenarios in building 217 Nov. 8.

From the Top

Wing CC: The state of the Sabers is good!

With more than four months on the job, I can confidently say the wing is in good shape. After seeing all the amazing things this wing does on a daily basis, gathering inputs, executing a leadership offsite and developing our priorities and goals for the next year, I believe we know where we are and where we need to go. I'm counting on the fact that you saw one of the recent commander's calls in which our expected flight path for the next year was detailed. That brief should have given you a clear picture of our goals and challenges.

Our mission is to be constantly ready to project superior combat power!

Our priorities are:

- Prepare to Fight
- Fight to Win
- Take Care of Each Other

We have three goals for each priority:

Prepare to Fight:

1. Establish a "ready now" posture across the wing.
2. Enhance realistic training focused around our core tasks.
3. Create an environment that supports innovation and efficient, effective utilization of resources.

Fight to Win:

1. Meet all taskings with fully trained and qualified personnel and equipment.
2. Achieve Excellent or better in all HHQ inspections.
3. Maximize joint/coalition training opportunities.

Take Care of Each Other:

1. Integrate new personnel and their families into the Saber Team from day one.
2. Maximize professional development opportunities.
3. Institutionalize a Wingman culture of shared responsibility, safety, and wellness.

In addition to these goals, we have established very specific objectives under each goal that contain metrics which are meas-

urable and have timelines, point of contacts, etc. We will be able to chart our progress on achieving our goals throughout the coming year. I will not list all of the metrics in this article but have sent them out to all the groups and squadrons.

I would like to mention a couple of specific objectives which have high interest for many of you. First, we are going to work to garner funds for a new fitness center with an indoor pool and indoor running track. We heard your inputs and know this is a major priority for all our Airmen and families.

Our fitness center is fulfilling a critical role but it was built in 1953 and we need a new one. Being fit to fight is important and that will continue. Second, we are beefing up our sponsor program so that all Sabers and their families are received from day one in a "Saber Standard" way, one where it is obvious we want to take care of each member!

We will accomplish all of the above by following our wing motto: Seek, Attack, Destroy!

We Seek excellence, Attack our challenges, and Destroy our enemies and obstacles to our success (It is also our wing cheer and part of our wing patch since 1951).

While there is so much that we are doing well, we have had a few stumbles. The loss of an aircraft is always a setback for a wing. We were fortunate in many ways including no damage to people or facilities on the ground and the safe return of our pilot. We are still working to make sure this kind of accident doesn't happen again! We are on the road to recovery and I am confident our continuing actions will translate to a safer and better program both in the air and on the ground.

We also are facing a persistent problem with our DUI's and alcohol related incidents. This year, we have seen a doubling of incidents from last year. One of our goals for next year is to cut the number of DUI/ARI's by 50 percent! We can achieve this with proper individual planning, use of operational risk management techniques, critical help from our wingmen and active supervisory involvement.

We cannot continue on the dangerous path we are now on, we risk losing our Sabers as well as killing innocent civilians. The individual responsible for the DUI will suffer tougher conse-

quences! They also risk being highlighted for cuts the Air Force is in the process of making.

Additionally, we will hold wingmen and supervisors more accountable for the critical roll they play. Our jobs are 24/7, not just while on duty or wearing the uniform. We are all ambassadors for the United States and must learn to drink responsibly. Notice I didn't say don't drink, we are just saying do it in a responsible way. About 95 percent or more of our Saber Team are doing it right; it is a minority which is causing us such concern.

The state of the Sabers is good ... but we have room for improvement! If we stay focused on our goals and reduce our irresponsible drinking, we can easily move into the excellent or outstanding category. It will take all of us working together to accomplish this but I look forward to making it happen with you. Fortunately, we are also part of the greater Team Eifel and know that they will help us to reach new heights.

We support the Global War on Terrorism on a daily basis. There are members of the Saber Team who are deployed every day of the year to many parts of the world. We train and work hard to meet our commitments for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, NATO, the U.S. Air Force and the American people. In addition to our specific roles, supporting the 726th Air Mobility Squadron with transit of C-17's is important to sustaining this war we fight.

Mission accomplishment is why we are here and what the Air Force pays us to do. We are fulfilling our mission requirements in a way that reflects extremely well on our wing.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. I am proud of the outstanding accomplishments this wing has achieved and am very honored and humbled to be your commander. We have a tough year in front of us but it is all of you, the superb members of the Saber Team, that I know will make it all happen!

Darryl L. Roberson

DARRYL L. ROBERSON, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Native American Heritage Month Spotlight

Unit: 52nd Communications Squadron
Duty title: Spouse of active-duty member
Hometown: Monument Valley, Utah
Years in Service: Air Force wife for four years
Tribal Affiliation: Din(Navajo)
How did your family celebrate your heritage while you were growing up:
Yá 'á t'ééh, (Hello) My grandparents raised me with traditional teachings such as respect Mother Earth, because she is the one who provides us with food, shelter and our livelihood. I was brought up with no running water, electricity and stores nearby. We lived in a Hogan on the Din(reservation and our main source of food was adult sheep

meat, corn, squash and fry bread. My sister and I herded sheep and cattle by foot or horse all year round rain or snow. We would also haul water and chop wood during the winter.
My grandmother would weave rugs and bead jewelry to bring income to the family. She had also taught us to do the same, and told my sister and I, "This is how I was taught by my mother and this is what you will teach your children."
Just keeping our traditional teachings and language alive in our people and teaching others who want to learn is how we truly celebrate our tribe. Ah(he((Thank you)

What is one cultural stereotype you wish you could eliminate:
The word "Indian" it is not what we like to be called and it gives stereotypical images of:
* A Native wearing feathers;
* Natives currently living in a tepee; and
* Natives knowing a few words ("ugh and how"). We prefer to be identified by our specific tribal names or as Native Americans.
What are you proud of about your heritage:
1. My ancestors survived the Navajo Long Walk in 1846 and we are now one of the largest tribes in America.
2. The Navajo Code Talkers helped win World War II.



Dawnae Holcomb and family



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Col. Darryl Roberson

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Sortie Scoreboard

| Aircraft | Goal | Flown | Delta |
|----------|------|-------|-------|
| 22FS | 270 | 152 | +20 |
| 23FS | 372 | 131 | -42 |
| 81FS | 346 | 120 | -49 |

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Nov. 14

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section

Editor's Note: Submit "Community" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office Internal Information Section at 452-5244 for more information.

Airman's Attic volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. at the Airman's Attic. For more information, call Else Wingert at 452-6422.

BHS events

Bitburg High School hosts an antique market Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the BHS cafeteria.

DoDEA survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity offers a biannual customer satisfaction survey now through Feb. 28. For more information about the survey, call 452-9202 or visit <http://www.dodea/css/>.

Family Child Care

The Family Child Care Programs offer licensing to base personnel who are interested in providing child care from their homes. For information about how to become a licensed FCC provider, call Liz Pindel at 452-9022.

Landstuhl donations

♦ The Pitsenbarger Airmen Leadership School is running a donations drive for the Landstuhl Fisher House. Donate paper towels, toilet paper, disposable plates and utensils, cleaners and more at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Commissaries. Food items will not be accepted. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ozburn at 452-9455 or Staff Sgt. Rebekah Villanueva at 452-5621.

♦ The Bitburg High School AF JROTC is collecting books for patients at Landstuhl Hospital. Send or bring donations to the BHS. Donated books will be delivered before the holiday season.

Holiday events at BXtra

♦ The Girl Scouts will be on hand at the Spangdahlem BXtra to wrap presents for a donation Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

♦ Santa visits the the Spangdahlem BXtra Nov. 25-26 and Bitburg Annex furniture store Dec. 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photos will be available for purchase.

Holiday Social

The 52nd Fighter Wing hosts a semi-formal Winter Wonderland Holiday Social Dec. 2 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at



Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp

Rocking the house

Tech. Sgt. Robert Champman, 52nd Maintenance Group, has his Treasures of the Hard Rock Café book signed by Dave Lombardo, Slayer drummer. Rock and roll bands, Slayer and Lamb of God visited with Sabers at the Brick House Nov. 8.

Club Eifel. Cost is \$12 for this standing event which includes heavy hor d'oeuvres. For more information, call Capt. Diane Weed at 452-6012 or 2nd Lt. Susan Wong-Tworet at 452-4222.

Native American dancers

A group of Native American dancers from the United States performs Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Fitness Center.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross offers a first aid and CPR course Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of the course is \$25. For more information or to sign up for the course no later than today, call 452-9440 or 06565-61-9440.

School winter break

All five Eifel schools close for winter break Dec. 21 through Jan. 5. Classes resume Jan. 8.

Stamping, stamping event

A free base-wide scrapbooking, stamping and card-making community crop happens Saturday from 5-9 p.m. at Building 42 in the Spangdahlem Welcome Room. For more information, contact Amanda Wayer 06565-933087 or e-mail kawadw@yahoo.com.

WIC-O closure

The Women, Infants and Children-Overseas office will close Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 452-9093 or 06565-61-9093.

Winter Bazaar volunteers

The Community Center is hosting

the 2006 Winter Bazaar at Spangdahlem AB Nov. 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Skelton Fitness Center. Vendors will be selling furniture, wine, antiques, pottery, rugs and more. Volunteers are needed to set up and assist with the event, those who volunteer Nov. 23 receive a free Thanksgiving Dinner. To volunteer, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.

VITA volunteers

The legal office and tax center seeks volunteers to provide tax assistance to the base. Volunteers receive free training and certification by the IRS. A three-day advanced training course takes place Dec. 6 and a four-day newcomers training course begins Dec. 11. The volunteer deadline is Nov. 22. For more information or to register, call the legal office at 452-6796.

Volunteer to mentor

Bitburg Middle School

Mentors and volunteers are needed at BMS during seminar from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Seminar class is held every other day tutors are needed in language arts, social studies, algebra, mathematics 7 and 8, science and German. For more information, call Crystal Bartels at 452-9310.

Spangdahlem Middle School

♦ Mentors are needed to volunteer once or twice a week from 1:15-2 p.m.

♦ Algebra tutors are needed once or twice a week from 1:15-2 p.m. or 2:35-4 p.m. and one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dr. Sennie Smith at 452-7205.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

Happenings

Discover, an interfaith dialogue group, meets Nov. 30. at 7 p.m. in building 42, the Spangdahlem Welcome Center.

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

Nov 21
5 - 8pm
reservations required
DSN: 452-4633

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'Tis the season' for holiday shopping

Weihnachtsmaerkte scattered across Eifel region bring shoppers special holiday deals

Story and photo by Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The annual Weihnachtsmaerkte, or Christmas markets, are springing up in many towns throughout Germany.

Almost every German mid-size town has its own unique Christmas market offering the aromas of fresh fir, Christmas baked goods and more to place shoppers in the Christmas spirit. Vendors offer a wide array of Christmas decorations, hand-crafted items and more.

The following are a few of the Weihnachtsmaerkte in some of the surrounding Eifel villages:

- ♦ Ulm has a market Nov. 21 through Dec. 22.
- ♦ Heidelberg hosts its Weihnachtsmarkt Nov. 23 through Dec. 22 in the market square and at the Universitaetsplatz (near the university), open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ♦ Frankfurt's Christmas market has been held for decades on the Roemerberg. The stands are set up around the Fountain of Justice, in the shadow of the Roemer, the city's ancient town hall, Nov. 23 through Dec. 22. The Roemerberg is in the center of the town, near the famous Paul's Church.
- ♦ The 31st International Christmas market of Essen will take place Nov. 23 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Dortmund invites to their annual Christmas market Nov. 23 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Cologne hosts two markets -- the old and the new -- in the center of town. The Christmas Market in front of the Dom cathedral open Nov. 23 while the on on Alter Markt will open Nov. 25. Both markets are open through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Amberg hosts a market Nov. 24 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Aachen has their annual super Christmas market Nov. 24



Shoppers make a purchase at a local Christmas market. Numerous Christmas markets are held in various villages around the Eifel offering shoppers the opportunity to search out a special holiday treasure, gift or trinket.

through Dec. 23.

- ♦ The Eifel town of Monschau will host a market Nov. 24 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Koblenz will have a market Nov. 24 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ The famous Bernkastel Christmas market takes place Nov. 25 through Dec. 17.
- ♦ Cochem has a nice Christmas market Nov. 25 through Dec. 17.
- ♦ Rothenberg ob der Tauber hosts its Weihnachtsmarkt Nov. 25 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Stuttgart offers a market near their medieval castle Nov. 25 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Wuerzburg will host their market on the Upper and Lower Markplatz Nov. 25 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Nuernberg Christkindlmarkt runs Nov. 25 through Christmas Eve.
- ♦ The famous Bad Toelz Christkindlmarkt is scheduled for Nov. 25 through Christmas Eve.

- ♦ Munich has several markets. The most popular Christkindlmarkt is open Nov. 25 through Christmas Eve on Maerienplatz, in front of the city hall in the center of town. Other smaller markets can be found in Schwabingen, Heidhausen, Chinesischer Turm, Neuhauser, Ramersdorf, and Pasing around the same time.
- ♦ Wittlich will host their market in the center of town Nov. 26 through Dec. 17.
- ♦ Baden-Baden has a market Nov. 25 through Dec. 26.
- ♦ Strassburg, France, offers an attractive Christmas market Nov. 26 through Dec. 31 at the Muensterplatz, Place Broglie and Petite France. Opening times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ♦ Trier will host their annual Christmas market in the market square Nov. 27 through Dec. 22.
- ♦ Freiburg will host their Christmas market Nov. 27 through Dec. 23.
- ♦ Augsburg has a nice Christkindlmarkt Nov. 27 through Christmas Eve.
- ♦ Heilbronn has a market Nov. 28 through Dec. 21.
- ♦ The 572nd Striezel market of Dresden will take place Nov. 29 through Christmas Eve.
- ♦ Bitburg will host their annual Christmas market Dec. 1-22.
- ♦ Their will be a Christmas market in Boppard Dec.1-23.
- ♦ Luxembourg city will host a Christmas market at the Place d'Armes Dec. 1-24. It's a very scenic market with daily concerts.
- ♦ Manderscheid hosts their Christmas market at the castle, Dec. 2-3.
- ♦ Wasserliesch will have their Christmas market Dec. 2-3.
- ♦ Dudeldorf will have a market Dec. 2-4.
- ♦ Esch-Sur-Alzette in Luxembourg will host a Christmas market Dec. 2-18 at the Place de la Resistance.
- ♦ An international Bazar with 40 nations will take place during the Lux Expo exhibition at the Luxembourg Messehallen or fair halls the Dec. 2-3. There will be an American stand offering American Christmas decorations and gifts.
- ♦ Saarburg has a market Dec. 8-10.
- ♦ Vianden, Luxembourg has a Medieval Christmas market Dec. 16-17.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Nov. 30. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline Today

♦ *Hollywoodland* (R, 7 p.m.)
George Reeves, the heroic Man of Steel on TV's "Adventures of Superman," dies in his Hollywood Hills home. His grieving mother will not let the questionable circumstances surrounding his demise go unaddressed and seeks justice, or at least answers, but truth and justice are not so easily found in Hollywood.

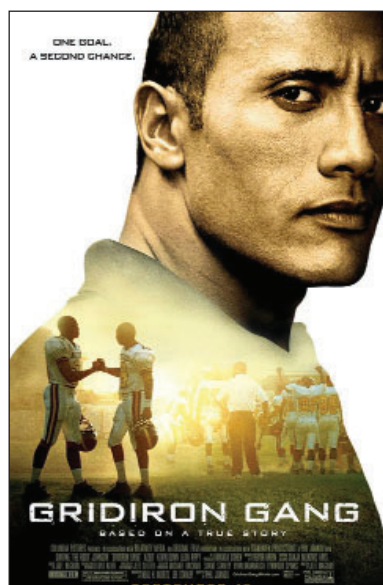
♦ *The Departed* (R, 10 p.m.)
Two men from opposite sides of the law are undercover within the Massachusetts State Police and the Irish mafia, but violence and bloodshed boil when discoveries are made, and the moles are dispatched to find out their enemy's identities.

Saturday

♦ *Crank* (PG, 7 p.m.)
Professional assassin Chev Chelios learns his rival has injected him with a poison that will kill him if his heart rate drops.

Sunday

♦ *Crank* (4 p.m.)



♦ *Hollywoodland* (7 p.m.)

Monday

♦ *The Last Kiss* (R, 7 p.m.)
A contemporary comedy-drama about life, love, forgiveness, marriage, friendship ... and coming to grips with turning 30.

Tuesday

♦ *The Departed* (7 p.m.)

Wednesday and Thursday closed

Nov. 24

♦ *Gridiron Gang* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)
Teenagers at a juvenile detention center, under the leadership of their counselor, gain self-esteem by playing football together.

♦ *Flags of Our Fathers* (R, 10 p.m.)
The life stories of the six men who raised the flag at The Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point in WWII.

Nov. 25

♦ *The Covenant* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)
Four young men who belong to a supernatural legacy are charged with stopping the evil force they released into the world years earlier. Another great force they must contend with is the jealousy and suspicion that threatens to tear them apart.

♦ *Flags of Our Fathers* (9:30 p.m.)

Nov. 26

♦ *Gridiron Gang* (4 p.m.)
♦ *Flags of Our Fathers* (7:30 p.m.)

Nov. 27

♦ *The Black Dahlia* (R, 7 p.m.)
An adaptation of James Ellroy's novel about two 1940s L.A. cops who head up the hunt for the killer of starlet Elizabeth Short.

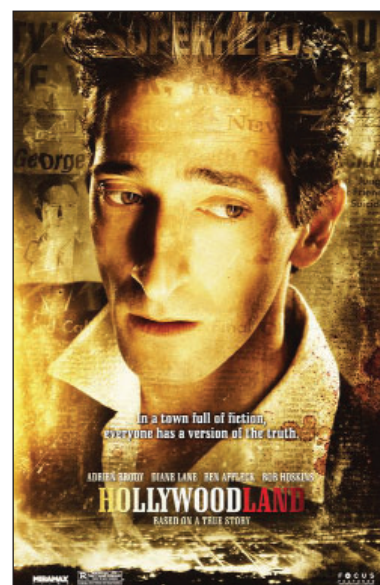
Nov. 28

♦ *Flags of Our Fathers*

Nov. 29-30 closed

Bitburg Castle

Today
♦ *Invincible* (PG, 7 p.m.)
When part-time bartender and full-time Eagles fan Vince Papale tries out for the team during an open call, he makes the



team in a complete twist of fate.

♦ *Idlewild* (R, 9:30 p.m.)
A musical set in the Prohibition-era American South, where a speakeasy performer and club manager, Rooster, must contend with gangsters who have their eyes on the club while his piano player and partner Percival must choose between his love, Angel, or his obligations to his father.

Saturday

♦ *The Wicker Man* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)
A sheriff investigating the disappearance of a young girl from a small island discovers there's a larger mystery to solve among the island's secretive, neo-pagan community.

♦ *The Marine* (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

A group of diamond thieves on the run kidnap the wife of a recently discharged marine who goes on a chase through the South Carolinian wilderness to retrieve her.

Sunday

♦ *Invincible* (4 p.m.)
♦ *The Marine* (7 p.m.)

Monday and Tuesday closed

Wednesday

♦ *The Wicker Man* (7 p.m.)

Thursday

♦ *Invincible* (7 p.m.)

Nov. 24

♦ *Crank* (7 p.m.)
♦ *Hollywoodland* (9:30 p.m.)

Nov. 25

♦ *The Last Kiss* (7 p.m.)
♦ *The Departed* (9:30 p.m.)

Nov. 26

♦ *Crank* (4 p.m.)
♦ *The Departed* (7 p.m.)

Nov. 27-28 closed

Nov. 29

♦ *Hollywoodland* (7 p.m.)

Nov. 30

♦ *The Departed* (7 p.m.)



Ben Waid, son of Capt. Keith Waid, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, practices puck control during a youth hockey clinic at the Bitburg Ice Rink.



Photos by Nick Anderson

Children work on building their hockey skills by performing a drill that teaches them how to hit the ice and get back up quickly. The children can use this skill while driving to block a shot or getting back up quickly when they fall.

Ice, ice baby

Eifel children train with WHL star to enhance hockey skills

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Team Eifel children have the unique opportunity to hone their hockey skills with the help of a former World Hockey League star.

Felix Brunschwiler, a WHL player for Switzerland from 1981-1987, teaches a youth hockey clinic at the Bitburg Ice Rink, designed to teach young players hockey skating skills, puck control, passing and offensive and defensive schemes.

Coach Brunschwiler is certified to coach professional hockey in Germany, Switzerland and Russia. In addition, he is certified to coach semi-pro hockey in Canada.

The American and German youth who take part in the training Coah Brunschwiler offers thrive on the fast pace of the clinic.



American and German children take a break to catch their breath in between hockey drills. The children participate in the youth hockey clinic open to players of all levels interested in enhancing their hockey skills.

"The workout is incredible because of all the sprints up and down the ice, plus you get to 'check' other players," said Ben Waid, son of Capt. Keith Waid, 52nd Medical Support Squadron.

Fellow player Austin Schmitz, son of Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Schmitz, 52nd MDSS, agrees with his teammate.

"My favorite part is getting to play a hockey game because you can do as much as you can to get that puck in the goal and you get to 'check' people," he said.

The youth's parents believe their children take a great deal away from this training.

"The most beneficial part of the program is that the kids get to have lots of fun on the ice," Dr. Schmitz said.

The youth hockey clinic takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Bitburg Ice Rink. In addition, Thursdays players have the opportunity to participate in a full ice scrimmage from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. Schmitz at 0171-331-8683.



Austin Schmitz, plays defense during a youth hockey clinic scrimmage. He is the son of Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Schmitz, 52nd Medical Support Squadron.

Sports Briefs

Congratulations Master Sgt. Saunders

What a powerhouse, Master Sgt. Troy Saunders, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, competed in seven weight lifting competitions eight weeks. Sergeant Saunders placed fourth in the European Natural Bodybuilding Championships, fourth in the National Athletic Committee West German Championships; third in the International Federation of Bodybuilding Southwest German Championships and he has been invited to compete in the Mr. Universe competition Dec. 2.

Eifel Lanes

For more information about Eifel Lanes events, call 452-2695.

- ♦ A No-Tap Tourney occurs today, cost is \$15 per game. Sign up begins at 7 p.m. and the tournament starts at 8 p.m. For the tournament ladies need to knock down eight pins on the first ball for a strike and men must knock down nine. A Crazy Eight competition follows, for players 18 years old and up.
- ♦ Deployed family member bowling takes place Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to close. Family members with Combat Care buttons bowl for \$1 per game plus shoe rental. Participants may not combine this offer with any other offer or discount.
- ♦ Ladies night occurs Thursdays from 6 p.m. to close, ladies pay .50 cents per game plus shoe rental.
- ♦ Color pin bowling happens Fridays from 6 p.m. to close, cost is

\$2.25 per game plus shoe rental. Bowl a strike when a color head pin is present and receive a prize.

- ♦ Glow bowling takes place Saturdays from 6 p.m. to close, cost is \$2.50 per game plus shoe rental. Black lights make the lanes, pins and bowlers glow.

Eifel Sharks swim team

The Eifel Sharks Swim Team is looking for swimmers, coaches and volunteers for the 2006-2007 swim season. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Turnbull at 452-6105, 0656-169-5512 or e-mail eifel_sharks@yahoo.com.

Fitness Center updates

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center is now open Mondays through Fridays from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends, holidays and down days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The gym floor will be closed from Nov. 17-24 for repairs. In addition, the Family Workout Room and Racquetball Court will be closed Nov. 27 to Dec. 8. For more information, call 452-6634.

Ice skating lessons

The Bitburg-American Skating School offers ice skating lessons for Team Eifel children, ages 6-11 Mondays from 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays

from 10-11 a.m. through March. Adult lessons take place Mondays. For more information, e-mail bitburgskatingschool@hotmail.com.

Fitness assessments

People interested in having a free fitness assessment performed should call the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center to schedule an appointment. Assessments are broken down into six phases which include blood pressure, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness check. The results of the test determine a person's strengths and weaknesses. For more information, call Juergen Stockemer at 452-6496.

Jingle Bell 5K

A Jingle Bell 5K fun run and walk takes place Dec. 7 at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Bring the entire family out for this no time limit event at the classic perimeter road route. Participants can sign up the day of the event and the first 20 people to do so receive a free T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the race.

Midnight madness

Spangdahlem-Bitburg Midnight Madness basketball event including a slam-dunk contest, a 3-point shootout and games, takes place Nov. 25-26. For more information, call 452-6634.